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Public Works Department, Macao, 22nd

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DEATH.

On the 4th November, at Kobe, JAPAN, SAMUEL
WILSON, of Manchester, England, aged 93 years.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VUEX ROAD, C.
LONDON OFFICE: 181, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, 15th November, 1902.

We learn from a trustworthy source that
there have been no less than six cases of
piracy on the Canton River within the space
of two days this week. In another column
we give details of the murderous attack on
an Englishman from Canton by West River
pirates. It is evident that the river piracy
which the late LI HUNG-CHANG struggled
so hard to repress during his term of office
at Canton, and which his successor His late
Excellency TAO MU before his fatal illness
tried to keep down, is now once more in full
swing. The changes of posts which have
marked the period following TAO MU's
death have no doubt encouraged the
immemorial posts of the Canton waterways
to fresh efforts, and the absence of a sub-
stantive Viceroy has produced anarchy on
the part of the Chinese officials. This is
natural, though it renders the inaction of
the latter no less criminal. But there is
another point which calls for consideration.
What are the foreign gunboats on the West
River and at Canton doing? Their
presence in those waters is justified by the
necessity of protecting life and trade which
the Chinese alone cannot guarantee. It
may readily be recognised that a gunboat
cannot be ubiquitous, but if the work is too
much for the instruments at one's disposal
the only remedy is to get more instruments.
If the Chinese officials do not try and the
European policing force is too small to cope
with the spread of piracy, there is still no
reason for folding one's hands and resigning
oneself to what is not really inevitable. It
would be interesting to know whether the
Hongkong authorities are displaying any
interest in the matter. Britain has two river
gunboats, the Sandpiper and the Moorhen,

on the West River. When these have been
mentioned, our representatives in the Canton
district are exhausted. It seems hardly
credibly that at Canton itself Great Britain
is unrepresented. Flying visits from the
West River gunboats there have been, but
our Fleet apparently cannot spare a single
vessel for Canton. As far as the Admiralty
is concerned, every effort seems to be made
to encourage the idea that Canton is beyond
the British sphere of influence. Perhaps
that august body studies one of those maps
in which the whole of the Kwang provinces
are labelled "French sphere" and therefore
does not concern itself with Canton affairs.
There is, however, no reason why the
Hongkong Government should subscribe to
such an idea, having every reason to know
better. In the interests of this Colony an
appeal must be made that some representa-
tion be addressed to the supreme authorities
at Canton to do their duty with regard to
the adjacent waterways, and that at least
one of our spare gunboats should help those
authorities to restore that order which they
are utterly unable to keep alone. Harmon-
ious relations, on the whole, have prevailed
for some years between Hongkong and
Canton, but they cannot continue indefi-
nitely if British commerce and even life is
allowed to be menaced in the river districts
in the very neighbourhood of Canton.

The telegram from our Shanghai correspon-
dent stating definitely that the Japanese
garrison evacuates that port on the 22nd
instant seems to mark the first step toward
the termination of a very difficult affair.
If the Japanese leave on the 22nd we may
take it that the other three component parts
of the mixed garrison will also depart at
once and that at last Shanghai will be
relieved from its unnecessary defenders.
According to the London Daily Mail
(unfortunately not hitherto the most
trustworthy source of information as far as
Shanghai is concerned) the place is to be
evacuated unconditionally. Only a few
days ago a Berlin telegram to the
Ostasiatische Lloyd talked complacently of
the discussion on Germany's conditions
before evacuation being closed, China
having consented to them. It is plain that
one of those statements is incorrect. We
characterised that in the "Lloyd" as
"bombast," and such we still consider it.
The Berlin telegram in our junior evening
contemporary's issue of yesterday's date is
but a repetition of the same point of view;
we have therefore the more hope that the
Mail's version will prove to be the correct
one. To admit the Chinese-German agree-
ment would be for England to resign her
claim to hegemony on the Yangtze. What
the actual story of the intrigues in connection
with the Yangtze question is, time will
perhaps show. A Peking telegram to the
Japanese newspaper Jiji gives one account,
in which it is stated that Sir ERNEST SATOW
asked Prince CHING some time ago if there
was not some clause in the draft of the
agreement for the evacuation of Shanghai
which the Chinese Government was about
to sign with Germany, and that Prince
CHING replied definitely in the negative. A
few days afterwards the Prince signed an
agreement which was very disadvantageous
to Great Britain. On the British Minister
hearing of the issue of the affair he strongly
denounced Prince CHING for his deceitful-
ness. Sir ERNEST SATOW declared he
would have nothing to do with the Shanghai
evacuation proposal if the Chinese authori-
ties acted so unfairly and deceitfully.
Hence, adds the Jiji's correspondent, the
delay in the withdrawal from Shanghai.
Prince CHING's known vacillation of charac-
ter lends a certain probability to the tale,
but we should hesitate to accept it un-
supported. It has become increasingly clear,
however, that there was some such under-
hand attempt to undermine Britain's
position in the Yangtze Valley. This was
discovered by Sir ERNEST SATOW, but
whether it has been defeated remains to be
seen. The announced date of the with-
drawal of the Japanese troops augurs well
for the settlement of the question, and this
again seems to indicate that, unless the
British Government has completely "climbed
down," some other Power has performed
that uncomfortable feat.

The Austrian cruiser *Pugliese* arrived yester-
day from Shanghai.

H. E. the Governor on Thursday visited the
scene of the fatal collapse in Wing Lok Street.

In St. John's Cathedral to-morrow Harvest
Thanksgiving services will take place. Special
hymns and an anthem will be sung. The order
of service will be found in another column.

The competition at Kowloon to-day in
connection with the Rifle Association is for the
long range cup and spoons. Firing commences
at 2.15 p.m., and the ranges are 700 and 800
yards.

The German steamer *Taichow*, which left
Bangkok on the 5th inst., reports having
experienced stormy weather off Paderan, and
that Paderan lighthouse signalled "typhoon
expected."

Mr. J. H. Kemp, Acting Police Magistrate,
resumed his duties at the Police Court yester-
day morning after a brief vacation.

A match at the Kowloon Docks was burnt
down on Thursday night, soon after ten o'clock.
The Fire Brigade was in attendance.

The total number of cases of cholera occurring
in Kobe since the outbreak up to the 3rd inst.
was 826, of which 590 were fatal and 233
recovered, 13 remaining under treatment.

It is reported from Fima that Mr. Marshall,
Director-General of Archaeology, will under-
take this winter excavations which promise
great interest in the neighbourhood of Peshawar
where important finds of Graeco-Bactrian relics
have been made.

The *Pingang Gazette* urges improvement in
the detective department by utilising the
Chinese Protectorate, which it deems to be the
best department for the investigation of crime
among the Chinese. The Protectorate staff, in
its opinion, is much superior to the staff of the
Detective Department, headed as it is by a
Chinese-speaking expert.

An Australian telegram says that at the end
of October "Killing, Fouche, and Jonbert
were mobbed by the crowd after delivering a
pro-Boer lecture at Cambridge, which pre-
sumably contained all insinuating references to
the British army; they were rescued by the police."
It is curious that no news of this incident has
been received from other sources.

The State Department of Washington is
enquiring about one Alphonse George Shaw,
of Hoboken, New Jersey, who is believed to
have come to Hongkong a year or two ago.
Shaw, who is a newspaper man, and aged 30
years, disappeared at Honolulu on 5th August,
1899. Information regarding him should be
sent to the U.S. Consulate here.

The departure of C. and Eugene Esterhazy, a
Jesuit priest, from his Order has caused a
sensation at Budapest. The Count has belonged
to the Jesuits for many years. He gave all his
fortune, some £35,000, to the Order, and he now
demands the restitution of this money. The
Order refuses and Count Eugene Esterhazy
has taken legal steps. What has induced the
Count, who was a fanatic amongst Jesuits, to
quit the Order and the clerical profession
remains a mystery.

No. 7 of the *Ocean Magazine* has come to
hand. It is again nicely printed and the ex-
cellence of the subject-matter is well maintained.
"Shorty" tells a most amusing yarn about a
life-saving adventure. The receipt is chroni-
cled in an Admiralty letter in which Mr. Lords
expresses their "appreciation of the results
obtained at the *Ocean's* annual prize-firing, and
of the care and skill displayed by the responsible
officers and men in bringing the gun's crews to
so high a state of efficiency."

By kind permission of Colonel Iremonger and
officers, the band of the 33rd Burns Infantry
will play at the Hongkong Hotel to-night, from
8 to 9.30 o'clock. Programme:—
Grand March "Coronation March," St. George
Overture, "The King's Lieutenant," Ed. Sel-
over, "The Thirty Nines," Edwardes
Dance, "Country Dance from Nelly Gwyn,"
Selection, "Stephen Adams's Song," Hanley
Yale, "Valse Bleue," D. Alfred Margie
EXTRA.
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"God Save the King."

As the opening night of Miss Janet Waldorf's
dramatic season draws nearer the demand for
seats increases and already large houses are
assured for the first performances. A *Royal
Divo* has always been an unfailing success
wherever it has been played, and with so strong
a company to interpret it there is every reason
to expect crowded audiences throughout the
season. Early application for seats is therefore
advisable. H. E. Sir H. A. Blake, G.C.M.G.,
Lady Blake and suite will patronise the opening
performance.

THE BLAKE PIER SHELTER.

On the principle that half a loaf is better
than no bread, the public no doubt view with
satisfaction the erection at last of a shelter on
Blake Pier, though it is only of a temporary
character. The shelter is of the kind generally
known as a matched. It will be welcome to the
community, but at the same time it is to be
hoped that its existence will not be put forward
as an excuse for delaying the erection of a
permanent shelter when the Colonial exchequer
is able to bear the cost.

THEATRE ROYAL.

Liberty Hall was repeated in the Theatre
Royal yesterday evening by the A.D.C. before
a well-filled house, the present including H.E.
the Governor, Sir H. A. Blake, G.C.M.G.,
Lady Blake and Miss Blake, Sir John Keane
(Private Secretary to H.E.), and Capt. Arbutnot,
not A.D.C., besides several prominent public
officials. The familiarity with the different parts
afforded by the public appearance of Thursday
evening brought with it a greater degree
of smoothness in the working of the play, and
contributed distinctly to the success of a per-
formance that was much enjoyed by all present.
The band of H.M.S. *Ocean* played the follow-
ing selection of music during the evening:—
Overture, "William Tell," Rossini
Selection, "The Torador," Ceballos
Valse, "Halsedene," Ceballos
Mazurka, "La Carline," Game
We find that we were in error in calling
Mr. Balloch a newcomer, for he has been a
member of the A.D.C. since 1893, and his
connection with the Club was only temporarily
suspended since 1898. Mr. Balloch filled the
title role in *Robinson Crusoe* in 1895 and was
Wormington in *The Magistrate* in the same
year. In 1898 he played *Sir Charles Grandison*
in *A Pastime Rehearsal* and *The Duke in
The Duchess of Baywater*.

TELEGRAMS.

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FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, 14th November, 10.40 a.m.

POSTAGE BETWEEN ENGLAND

AND CHINA—LAND V.

SEA ROUTE.

Mr. J. Henniker Heaton, M.P., last night
asked the Postmaster-General whether he
was aware that letters from China to
England arrived by the overland route in
26 days as against 44 days by steamer.
Mr. Austen Chamberlain stated that he
believed it was a fact that letters sent from
Chefoo to London took 26 days on the
journey. The possibilities of the Trans-
Siberian route, he added would not be over-
looked in settling the mail service of the
future. The steamship contracts were
terminable in January, 1905, by two years'
previous notice.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

SHANGHAI, 14th November, 11.33 a.m.

JAPANESE EVACUATE SHANGHAI

NEXT WEEK.

The Japanese garrison here has been
ordered to evacuate Shanghai on the 22nd
instant.

REUTERS'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 12th November.

THE LATEST FALL IN SILVER.

The Standard states that the latest fall in
silver is partly due to appointment of the Straits
Currency Commission to consider the establish-
ment of a gold currency.

[A telegram to Singapore, dated London, 5th
November, says:—A Colonial office committee
has been appointed to consider the question of
establishing a gold standard currency in the
Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay
States. The committee is composed as follows:—
Sir David Barbour, Mr. William Adamson,
C.M.G., and Messrs. Johnson and Blain of the
Colonial Office and Treasury respectively. The
first meeting of the committee will be held
early this month. In connection with this sub-
ject the *Singapore Free Press* of the 6th inst.
says:—"Government is evidently taking im-
mediate action with regard to the currency
question, for we understand that the Committee
of the Chamber of Commerce is meeting to-day
at Government's request to bring up to date
the report furnished by it in 1897, when the
currency question was being discussed. That
report, it will be remembered, advocated the
establishment of a gold currency on a 2s. basis,
but owing to division amongst members of the
Committee, Government did not take action
thereon, the late Sir Charles Mitchell and Sir
Alexander Swettenham preferring to shelve the
question. The report goes largely into import
and export figures, showing how the trade of
the Colony had been and was being affected at
that time by the dollar fluctuation and it is
these figures in particular that Government is
now anxious to have revised."—Ed. D.P.]

CHATEAU D'EU ON FIRE.

The Chateau d'Eu, belonging to the Duke of
Orleans, is on fire, and threatened with total
destruction.

THE EDUCATION BILL.

Mr. Balfour's motion to apply the closure by
compartments has been adopted by 222 votes to
103. The discussion on the bill will close before
the end of the month.

LONDON, 12th November.

SOMALILAND.

H. M. F. Dingle has left Mombasa to
examine the Italian ports to the north of
Kenya, with a view to the practicability of
leading troops for Somaliland.

CHATEAU D'EU DESTROYED.

The Chateau d'Eu has been totally destroyed,
with the exception of a wing and a portion of
the chapel. The literary and art treasures
have been saved.

CRICKET.

The match, originally fixed for to-day—
H.K.C.C. v. H.K. Football Club—has been
indefinitely postponed and H.K.C.C. v. A
Naval XI has been arranged instead. The
Naval XI has been arranged instead. The
following have been selected to play for the
Club:—E. J. Davies, Capt. P. H. Fawcett,
R.A., P. W. Goldring, T. C. Gray, J. Hooper,
J. E. Lee, W. B. Lemarchand, Lieut. M. B.
Rimington, S.P., W. C. D. Turner, A. G.
Ward, and J. A. Woodgate. Reserves:—Dr.
J. M. Atkinson, G. O. Heron, and G. P.
Lammert. Play to commence at 11 a.m. sharp.
During the match the massed Naval bands will
play, from 3 to 5 p.m.

The following will represent Craigengower
Cricket Club in the match with the Civil Service
Cricket Club at the Happy Valley to-day—L.
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E. Lammert, E. Ford, J. J. Kinnaird, A. O.
Brawn, R. Pestonji, J. P. Jordan, L. A. Rose,
J. L. Stuart, J. H. Rutledge, E. Bass and M.
E. Aeger.

THE ATTACK ON AN EUROPEAN
ON THE WEST RIVER.

We have obtained the following further
details about the murderous attack by West
River pirates on Mr. Evans, constable in the
service of the British Consulate at Canton:—
At 11.45 p.m. of the 12th inst., whilst the *S.S.*
Kong Nam, Captain Austin, was en route from
Hongkong to Canton, a little to the southward
of Tiger Island signals of distress from a trading
junk were observed. The *Kong Nam* bore down
her, and ascertained that she had been pirated at
7.30 p.m., when off Cha Si, a village near Tiger
Island. The pirates, of whom there were about
20, first fired a volley in the air, apparently to
frighten the junk's crew, and then they boarded
the junk, seized and bound all the crew, and
on catching sight of a foreigner exclaimed,
"Oh! here's a foreigner; let's kill him, as
he can fight ten of us"; at the same time
a shower of bullets was poured into him.
After ransacking the junk from stem to
stern, and taking everything of any value,
even to a few live fowls, they began to depart
in their dug-out, but not before some of the
party suggested throwing the body of the sup-
posed dead man overboard, which however they
did not carry into effect, owing to the
pleading of the people on the junk. About
\$1,000 in cash was stolen, besides every-
thing of value they could lay hands on.
The junk was boarded by the chief officer, of the
Kong Nam (the latter having a knowledge of
the Chinese language), and they found out
on enquiry that the wounded "foreigner" was
an Englishman named Evans, who was for
many years the British Consul's constable at
Canton, and has only recently retired on
a pension. The *Kong Nam* then steamed
alongside of the junk and the wounded man was
transferred to the steamer, where he was attend-
ed to by the officers, and his sufferings alleviated
as far as it was possible for non-medical men to
do. The steamer then proceeded at full speed to
Canton, and on arrival there sent immediately
for a doctor, who, on seeing the man, ordered
his immediate removal to the hospital, which
was promptly carried out. Mr. Evans was on
passage to Hongkong with his wife (who is a
native woman) and two children. The captain
of the junk being a nephew of Mr. Evans,
accounts for her husband's presence there as a
passenger.

STREET DANGERS IN
HONGKONG.

It is not too much to say that that portion of
Queen's Road between the Post Office and Lo
Horse Street would vie with many of the most
congested London crossings in the matter of
dangers to the pedestrian. The never ending
double line of rickshaws pretty well monopolises
the whole of the available walking space there.
Then there is the frequent bicycle. One hears
cyclists often complaining that they can ride
their machines only at the imminent risk
of a broken neck, for the tickle of
the alarm bell conveys no meaning to the
rickshaw-puller or his confederate the chair-coolie.
Some wheelmen have resorted to the practice
of carrying a stick at the handle-bar with
which to persuade the obstructionists to "bave
the road," thus following the example set by a
very worthy member of the medical pro-
fession in the Colony. But while cyclists
have no doubt ground of complaint, the general
public who do not use the wheel have some cause
to grumble at the cyclist. Cases of furious
riding are far from being exceptional in the
crowded streets of the city. Reckless riding, too,
is common, entailing primarily perhaps danger
to the rider but as often as not danger also to
pedestrians. For instance, a cyclist was seen
the other day coming down Battery Path at a
high rate of speed without a brake. It was
more by good luck than good guidance that he
did not crash into a group of chairs and rickshaws
standing at the bottom. Another cyclist rushed
down the steep gradient of Ice House Street at
break-neck speed, the only restraining agency
being his foot stuck in the fork. One almost
shivers to hear it related that a young
lady came down Old Bailey some time ago in the
same foolhardy fashion. Another danger to
the legions exists in those heavy, lumbering
hand-carts which stacked with bales or bottles
come down with a rush from the side streets to
the Queen's Road level. Especially is this
nuisance obvious in the neighbourhood of
D'Agular Street. It is a wonder that acci-
dents are not more frequent than they appear
to be. Of the same sort are the big water-carts
of the P.W.D.; these also sometimes come down
from the side streets, such as Garden Road, with
a crowd of coolies hanging on in the rear in an
endeavour to overcome the velocity of the
descent. Surely commonsense should teach the
coolies, or at any rate their overseers, to use a
skid-brake. It is simple, anything but costly,
and its effectiveness is beyond question.
Slipped below one wheel it would retard the
heaviest descending wagon and rob of their
terrors the potential juggernauts of Hongkong.

THE CIRCUS.

There was a new programme introduced at
Warren's Circus last night, and a crowded
house witnessed the entertainment. The various
items were very much enjoyed by all present,
was evinced by the frequency and warmth of
the applause. In addition to the performances
this evening there will be a matinee in the
afternoon.

ANNUAL LICENSING COURT.

The annual session of Justices of the Peace
was held at the Magistrate's yesterday afternoon
for the purpose of considering applications for
publicans and adjutant licences for the year
1902-1903. Mr. P. A. Hazell presided, and
the other Justices present were Messrs. F. J.
Badley, E. H. Hanson, W. H. Pedraza, G. C.
Anderson, T. H. Reid, R. H. Craig,
C. A. D. Melbourne. All the licences, twenty-
five in number, were granted unanimously.

SPORTING NOTES.

To-day the Cricket Club was to have met the
Football Club at the wicket, but owing to the
action of some of the members of the latter,
who scratched their names late in the week in
order to give their services to the Rugby team
which is to play the combined *Albion* and
Cressy fifteen this afternoon, the fixture has
fallen through. The conduct of the footballers
can hardly be considered courteous and the
H.K.C.C. could not be blamed if they resented
it. A match v. The Navy, however, has been
fixed up to fill the vacancy. The Club team is
moderately strong, but the composition of the
Naval side has not yet transpired. The Navy
could no doubt put in the field an eleven strong
enough to defeat the Club's representatives to-
day by a fairly heavy margin; but the eleven
to-day is not likely to be anywhere near full
strength.

The lamentable failure last Saturday of the
Club "A" team before the bowling of H.M.S.
Tamar, strengthened from the side which lost
to the Craigengower C.C. on the previous
Saturday by the very important addition of
Messrs. Carter and Greenstock, seems to have
but one explanation, and that is that the Club
batemen were poor. An innings that only took
16 overs from the opposing bowlers to finish is
indefensible except on an absolutely ruined
wicket, and that the Cricket Ground wicket was
not on the 8th inst. The *Tamar* bowlers were
good; it is true, Carter and Greenstock in par-
ticular; and perhaps Greenstock is the better
of the two, though Carter secured the superior
analysis. The bowling of Lumble who plays
to-day for the Civil Service Club v. the
Craigengower C.C. was a redeeming feature
of the match from the Club's point of view,
and Lumble should certainly be watched with an
eye to the future.

The Rugby footballers, with the aid of the
deserters from the cricket match, have to
encounter a strong combination in the *Albion*
and *Cressy* men. With Jordan back at half to
partner the agile Arthur there should be an
improvement in the second line, and could the
Club get a settled quartette of three-quarters
prospects might look brighter for them. The
forwards, if they turn out as advertised, should
render a good account of themselves. The
Happy Valley ground has been a little more
suitable for Rugby of late than is usual in
Hongkong, and it is fortunate that Rugbyists
are able to take advantage of the softer
conditions.

The Association section of the H.K.F.C. is
meeting again, the Shield ties being still far
distant. The six-a-side competition, this year
has been a noted success, and though Wolfe's
team won all its games except the first game
with *Rutherford's* team, which was a draw, yet
Rutherford's team was also unbeaten until
Wednesday's match, the loss to Bennett's team
being ruled out and the replayed game giving
Rutherford's a runaway victory. The final game
was rather one-sided, Wolfe's men showing a
great improvement on the scrumming form of
the drawn game last month.

I had intended to speak of the Yacht Club's
very successful opening a fortnight ago, but
the subject is rather stale now, so I need only
mention that, judging by the result of the
racing, the two new boats, *Diana* and *Vermor*,
will apparently have the better of *Alumina*,
at any rate in a strong breeze. Of the other
boats *Miri* in her new rig seems much improved
and I hope to see her sporting owner pull off a
few wins before he leaves the Colony, as last
year his chances with her were spelt owing
to the fact that he had not his sails for another
design from that finally decided on by the
Yacht Club. The Boat Club and V.R.C. are
providing the usual sailing season in their regatta
for yachts, which fact no doubt will stimulate
interest in yachting here. This is as it ought
to be with the opportunities afforded by this
excellent harbour at our very doors.

The annual general meeting of the Boat
Club was held on Thursday in the Gymnasium
of the Club, when a fairly good number of
members were present. A distinctly satisfactory
balance-sheet was submitted and the accounts
passed, at once the officers of the Club were
re-elected *en bloc*, and a general committee and
ballotting committee retained almost *in toto*.
ante. So smoothly was the business conducted
that within half an hour a vote of thanks was
passed to the Hon. F. H. May who presided and
meeting broke up and formed itself into various
unofficial sub-committees in the bar. The club
premises are exceptionally well attended just
now, in view of the approaching regatta, indeed
the resources of the Club in the matter of boats
are put to a considerable strain. So many men
are available that the entries for many of the
different events will probably be unprecedented in
the Colony, e.g. the Ladies' Purse, which
looks like starting eight boats. A recent
general meeting it was noted with pleasure that
the Hon. Secretary has created a precedent by
attending in evening dress on this particular
occasion, however, this was somewhat counteracted
by the appearance of certain members in boating
costumes of "wall, workmanlike appearance, and
so, some of the tone was lost, but it is to be
hoped that the Hon. Secretary will not be
discouraged and that the precedent will be
adhered to.

The Polo Committee, I hear, are much per-
turbed in mind about the very slight attendance
of playing members just lately, but hope that
this state of affairs won't last. The ground was
never in such good playing form as it is just
now, so it is a pity more of the many men who
own animals that could play if a little trouble
were taken with them do not join in and begin

for having once started I am sure they would be the keenest supporters of Polo.

The Interpol Rifle Match is over and for the third time in the history of the match Hongkong takes third place, the previous occasions being in 1889 and 1895. Hongkong, as my readers know, could only put together 875 on Wednesday, 26 less than last year, although the nine of the team who took part in the practice shoot last Saturday totalled 837, an average of 93 a man. Hongkong only made four scores between 90 and 100, while Mr. Stackwood scored absolutely off colour at every distance. Mr. Parkes' 97 was a consistent exhibition, made up of 32 at 200, 32 at 300, and 33 at 600 yds. Hongkong has now 9 wins, Shanghai 2, and Singapore 2, in 15 matches. Shanghai's expectations of rendering a good account of itself against the Southern ports have been realised and the team is to be congratulated upon a fine performance. Their previous win was in 1889, the first year of the competition. Singapore has added 9 points to its last year's total and Penang 60—a striking advance, which yet leaves them a long way last.

The Haskell bull has made its appearance on the Happy Valley golf links and last week an American visitor with its aid tried conclusions with our local champion. Mr. Forrest, however, successfully upheld his reputation. The visitor, however, played a round of 39 with borrowed club—no small feat. There are other Haskellis about, it is said.

OMPAX.

POLICE COURT.

Friday, 14th November.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND
(POLICE MAGISTRATE).

FIRING CRACKERS.

In their desire to propitiate some particular deity, two Chinese boatmen who were firing crackers in the harbour forgot that they were doing so during prohibited hours. A Chinese member of the Water Police was alive to the situation, however, and summoned the two enthusiasts, who were fined \$2 each.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Sergeant O'Sullivan was on duty in a sampan in Tseikou Bay on Thursday afternoon, and saw a under-boat run alongside a cargo-boat and transference take place, from the cargo-boat to the under-boat, of some half-dozen baskets of coal. Sergeant O'Sullivan placed three men under arrest, and two of them, the respective masters of the boats, were fined \$50 each for the unlawful possession in one case of \$2.50 worth of coal and in the other of coal valued at \$5. The third man, a Juki on the under-boat, was discharged.

THEFT ON THE "TALON."

Chan To, the master of a sampan, pleaded not guilty to stealing one silver watch, three metal watches, two silver watch chains, and one brass watch chain, the property of J. Brookings, J. Hoar, and J. F. Baker, chief stewards on H.M.S. "Talon." A private in the Royal Marine Light Infantry named Daniel Jones described a struggle which he saw on the upper deck of the "Talon" between one of the complainants and the defendant, who threw a couple of watches down a hatchway.

Frederick Baker gave evidence as to having seen the defendant commit the theft, and the watches and chains having been identified by their respective owners, the accused was sentenced to 14 months' hard labour.

BEFORE MR. E. D. C. WOLFE (ACTING
POLICE MAGISTRATE).

REFUSING LEGAL HIRE.

On the complaint of P. P. J. Wodehouse, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Wong Hoi, a ricksha-coller, was fined \$5 for refusing to accept legal hire, without reasonable cause, when unemployed.

CHURCH SERVICES.

S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

Harvest Festival.

16th November; 25th Sunday after Trinity.

Matins (11 a.m.).

Responses, Tallies, Venite, Kyrie; Proper Psalms, 65 (Barrett) and 145 (Crotch). To Deum, Hayes, Russell and Steiner; Benedictus, Barnby in E; Anthem, "O give thanks unto the Lord," R. Smart; Hymns: 381; Kyrie, Hopkins in C (72); Offertory, Hymn, 392.

Evangelium (5.45 p.m.).

Responses, Tallies, Proper Psalms, 67, Wodehouse and 147 (Bathfield); Magnificat, Fitzherbert in F (24th B); Nunc Dimittis, Wickes in E (10th E); Hymns, 388, 362 and 369; Yeaser Hymn, Steane.

GOSPEL HALL.

6, Arsenal Street, Top Floor, off Queen's Road East.

Meetings are held as follows:—Sunday—Acts 2, 11 a.m.; Gospel Address 6 p.m. Tuesday—Soldiers and Sailors' Bible Class 6 p.m.

Thursday—General Bible Class, 6 p.m. Saturday—Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The M.M. steamer *India*, with the next French mail, left Saigon yesterday, at 11 p.m. for this port.

The O. & Q. steamer *Coptic*, with mails, &c., left Nagasaki for Manila on the 13th inst., at 1 p.m. Mails transferred to the steamer *Tartar*, expected here on the 18th inst.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Preussen*, which left here on the 10th ult., arrived at Genoa on the 13th inst., p.m.

The C.M. steamer *Tenaka* left Singapore on the 13th inst., and is expected here on the 18th inst.

The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s steamer *Lynx* left Whitby on the 10th inst.

The O.R. steamer *Tartar* arrived at Nagasaki at 3.30 a.m. on the 13th inst., and left again at 5 p.m. same day for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 10 a.m. to-day.

The N.P. steamer *Victoria* arrived at Tacoma from Japan and Hongkong, on the 11th inst. The N.D. steamer *Strasbourg*, from Hamburg, left Singapore yesterday morning, and is expected here on or about the 20th inst.

JAPAN AND THE SIAMESE QUESTION.

[FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

Tokyo, 5th November.

By the end of this month the Crown Prince of Siam will arrive here from America, a special envoy from the Siamese Court will arrive here from Bangkok in Si-mu's biggest "war-vessel," the Japanese Minister from Bangkok will also arrive here; and there will probably be more talk of a matrimonial alliance between the royal houses of Siam and Japan, and of a rapprochement between the countries over which those royal houses rule. I should therefore like to give in the present paper some general ideas of Japan's attitude towards Siam so far as I have been able to understand that attitude.

In the first place, I must say that there is no truth in the talk about the matrimonial scheme just alluded to; and it may safely be insisted on that no Siamese Prince has any prospect of carrying off to Bangkok as his bride a daughter of the Mikado. King Chulalongkorn would probably like such an alliance very well, but I do not think the Japanese would, and that for various reasons. In the first place the Siamese Royal family is not good enough for them: the common people at any rate would hardly be inclined to regard with satisfaction the marriage of an Imperial Princess, coming of a semi-divine family, to the future ruler of a small, imperfectly known and backward state which was long tributary to China. On the other hand, the emperor of Japan would very heartily dislike any connection that would tend to bring them into conflict, not only with France but perhaps with England. Then again the future of Siam is doubtful. It can scarcely follow in the footsteps of Japan for the good reason that the strong middle class which brought about the Restoration in this country and of which Marquis Ito, Count Okuma, Count Inagaki and other famous men among the new peers were the leaders is non-existent in Siam. These reasons tell equally against an alliance or a rapprochement between the two countries. From a sentimental point of view such an alliance would be fine; but the Empire of Japan is not ruled by sentimentalists, as has often been shown. It is ruled by very long-headed, unexcitable, well-informed men who are perfectly well aware that Europe is extremely touchy on the subject of a Yellow League, and that any steps on Japan's part to form such a league would probably lose her the alliance of Great Britain and perhaps deal a death-blow to her future development.

At the same time it must be confessed that in Japan there is a small jingoist section headed by Prince Koyote which warmly sympathises with Siam and which would perhaps take an imprudent course of showing that sympathy if it had the chance. The Japanese generally know little about Siam and care less, their whole attention being concentrated on Corea and China; but some sympathy for Siam, accompanied by some corresponding irritation against France, was lately excited among the general public in this country by the violence of the French papers on the occasion of the engagement by the Siamese of a Japanese judge as legal adviser. This led the Japanese papers to point out that they had never made any objection when French employees are employed by the Korean Government; and also to study the Siamese question for themselves, with the result that they found the French case to be absurd. This was owing perhaps to the bad manner in which that case was presented by the French prints of Tonkin and Annam—ones of these papers *L'Indo-Chinoise* Republicanism blaming the French Government for not allowing the French authorities in Annam to cross the Mekong and annex as much as they liked of the territory that lay on the other side.

The news of the recently concluded treaty between France and Siam has not served to make the Japanese feel better inclined towards the former country or, he is disposed to regard the latter as having been balked. To better understand their feelings on this point, it must be remembered that shortly after the conclusion of the Anglo-Japanese alliance the French Press worked itself into a tremendous passion over what it regarded as French designs in Siam and Tonkin—a passion which the recent Franco-Siamese treaty now proves to have been simulated with the object of withdrawing attention from the negotiations that were to end in the loss of so much Siamese territory. The Japanese feel somewhat sore in consequence; and the *Japan Times*, a well-informed paper edited by Japanese, voices their feelings in the following editorial:—

"When the Franco-Russian Alliance or rather its extension over the Far East was announced shortly after the publication of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance last Spring, we did not hesitate to welcome the announcement as an additional guarantee of peace in these quarters. Since then, however, hints have not been lacking which would indicate that the extension was to mark the beginning of a new policy of intrigue and coercion on the part of the agents of the two Powers in Eastern Asia. And if the conclusion of a new treaty between France and Siam which we reported yesterday is to be regarded as a first fruit of the alliance in its extended form it may justly be said that all the Asiatic states are now confronted with a very serious outlook."

The Japanese will not be the first people to suspect some relation between the Franco-Russian alliance and the new Franco-Siamese treaty and full particulars in the latter connection when they are received here should be made a subject of careful study, especially as one of the most influential of the Parisian papers, according to a Reuter despatch we publish this morning, is apparently well satisfied with its terms and it would mean that France has had everything

her own way. In the meantime we notice that Siam is engaged in or rather is being inveigled into another trouble of a more or less international character as some cuttings we give elsewhere would show. We cannot help doubting the wisdom of harassing Siam with another cause of embarrassment at this moment, at least from the British side."

The latter allusion is of course to the alleged occupation of the Malay state of Kelantan by the British; and the boldness of it on the part of a semi-official organ and in face of the Anglo-Japanese alliance is to be admired. These frank expressions seem to indicate that, however calm and prudent may be the statesmen who now sway the destinies of Japan, the popular imagination in this country is not quite unimpaired by the dream of a Free Asia.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 14th November:—Business during the past week has been quiet, but, with a few exceptions, rates continue to be fairly well maintained.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have ruled steady with sales at 85 1/2. The London quotation is unaltered at 85 1/2. 10. 0d. Nationals can be procured at 82 1/2.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions have sold and are in further request at 240. China Traders after sales at 182 are enquired for at 183. Other stocks under this head are unchanged.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong fire is on offer at 350. China have been placed at 385.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have been booked at 37 1/2 and close steady. Indo-China have steadily advanced to 10 1/2 and close with some sellers at 10 1/2. China and Manila continue in request at 8 1/2. Douglas after sales at 34 1/2 are enquired for at 34 1/2. Star Ferries close steady at 32 1/2 (old) and 31 1/2 (new) with sales at the rates. Shell Transports have changed ownership at the reduced rate of £1. 15s. 0d.

REVENUES.—China Sugars after sales at 1102 and 8101 are procurable to some extent at 900. Lanzas continue in request at 315.

MINKO.—Punjungs have sold at 82 and close with sellers at 82 1/2. Charbonnages and Jelebas are unchanged: Raibs can be placed at 86 1/2.

DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have sold at 32 1/2 and more shares are procurable at the lower quotation. 82 1/2. China Barge have been booked at the reduced rate of 82 1/2. A. S. Watsons have sold up to 15 1/2, closing with probable sellers at the rate. Ropes are offering at 12 1/2. Fenwicks have sold and are in further request at 84 1/2. Electric (new) are in strong request at 86 1/2, with probable sellers of the old issue at 81 1/2. Steam Water-boats are procurable at 88 1/2. China Provident have been booked at 310 and are further procurable at the rate. Porells can be placed at a small amount at 30.

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THE GREATEST 16TH CENTURY PORTUGUESE.

Last month a statue was unveiled by King Carlos at Lisbon of Afonso de Albuquerque, the famous Indian Governor, who, on February 17, 1510, in command of a Portuguese fleet of twenty ships of the line, with twelve hundred fighting men, captured the city of Goa, and so laid the foundations of Portuguese rule in India. The monument, apart from the statue, is a magnificent structure in white marble, designed in the style of the period of King Emmanuel the Fortunate, and is erected on a spot opposite the Royal Palace, and facing the Tagus.

The London Standard writes as follows of the above event:—

The Monument to Afonso de Albuquerque, erected on the banks of the Tagus, is a fitting, if somewhat tardy, recognition of the great deeds performed by the militant Statesman who laid the foundations of Portuguese power in Asia. By his exploits on sea and land, and by the far-sighted resolution of his policy, he won for Portugal that monopoly of Indo-European commerce which was only lost when his country no longer produced men capable of carrying out his conceptions. Never, perhaps, in the world's history has trade followed the flag so closely, and, for a time, with such splendid success. No Empire-builder has ever seized more surely the secret of dominion beyond the seas. Albuquerque's predecessor, Francisco de Almeida, the first Portuguese Viceroy in India, had seen but half the truth. He aimed only at maritime supremacy. "The greater the number of fortresses you hold," he wrote to King Emmanuel, "the weaker will be your power. Let all our forces be on the sea." Albuquerque had wider aims. He proposed, to begin with, that the Mohammedan trade of Asia should be intercepted by holding the entrances to the Persian Gulf and Red Sea; with which object he had a strong fortress at Ormuz and blocked Aden. By the capture of Goa, as Sir William Hunter pointed out, he put the seal to Portugal's maritime supremacy along the South-west coast of India, and laid the first foundations of territorial rule in the Peninsula.

"Your Highness," he told King Emmanuel, "may be sure that, so long as I am Governor, I shall not send you painted pictures of fictitious places, but rather of kingdoms taken by force. My arms from their masters and fortified by me in such manner that they may give me a good account of themselves in all time. Nor was his energy confined to India and the Arabian Sea. His design was also to make himself master of the sources of Mohammedan trade in the Further East. His captured Malacca and built a fort there which dominated the Malay Peninsula for a century. The contrast between his policy and that of Almeida is strongly marked in a speech he delivered to his Centurians at Malacca, in which he said, "I will not determine to let my will and determination in," he told them, "as they to fight not to have men on land, except in those parts wherein I must build a fortress to maintain them." Coupled with the mastery of the sea, he insisted on obtaining a long line of supports on shore, from which to get both revenue and supplies. Not all his plans, perhaps, were equally sagacious. One project, which he hoped to execute with the aid of workmen from Malacca, was the construction of an irrigation canal for the sugar fields, with a view to divert the waters of the Nile to the Red Sea, a tunnel being cut through the mountains of Abyssinia, "so as to ruin Cairo." Another enterprise—also suggested, says a Portuguese historian, Barbosa Machado, by the magnanimity of his heart—was the fitting out of an expedition of four hundred horsemen to raid Mecca, and carry away the bones of the Prophet Mohammed, so that, "these being publicly refused to return to the Moslems, they might be confounded." But Albuquerque, of course, is judged by the successes which he actually achieved, and by the magnitude of the obstacles he encountered and overcame. Among the latter may undoubtedly be reckoned the ineffectual support he often received from the authorities at Lisbon. Letters are extant in which he complains of the inferior material of which his troops and sailors—ears too small for the galleys, pikes and flagpole beach wood, and damaged by the heat of the sun. Nor did the Government ever raise him to the full rank of viceroys, and when he had been governor for six glorious years he was superseded. "In bad repulse," he exclaimed, "with men because of the King, and with the King, because of men, it were well that I were gone," and dying at sea outside Goa Bar, the valiant captain and venturesome statesman left his work to be carried on for a while, and then destroyed, by others. He expressed a wish in his will that his remains should be taken to Portugal, and some fifty years after his death this was done. Over his tomb in the inscription, "Let him that does more than this take precedence."

The home papers brought by the last mail devote whole columns and unnecessary space to the life of the deceased agitator John Kensit. As might have been anticipated, there is a lot of foolish writing about him, erring as a rule on the side of praise. Perhaps the justest summing up of his career may be found in the *Outlook*, which speaks as follows:—

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M. S. NICHOLSON, Secy.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1902. [116]

RESPECTABLE Gentleman wants One or Two FURNISHED ROOMS with or without Board in an English family in Hongkong or Kowloon.

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THE HONGKONG STEAM WATER BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 30, Des Vaux Road, on **TUESDAY, the 25th day of NOVEMBER, at Noon**, for the purpose of presenting the Report and Statement of Accounts to the 30th of September, 1902.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 25th November, both days inclusive.

J. W. KEW, Manager.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1902. [3043]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

THURSDAY, the 20th NOVEMBER, at 2.30 p.m., at his SALES ROOMS, Queen's Road, A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF SILKS AND SATINS, BLACK AND WHITE COLOURED BANGALINES, BROCHE, FRENCH AND ENGLISH FANCY SILKS AND SATINS, WOOL SKIRTS AND BLOUSES, DRESS GOODS, FLANNELLETTES, DELAINES, CHIFFONS, MUSLINS, GAUZE, RIBBONS, LACES AND INSERTIONS, LADIES' SILK UMBRELLAS, GENTLEMEN'S SUIT LENGTHS, UNDERWEAR, SILK TIES, BRACES, HATS, COLLARS AND CUFFS, and SHOES.

TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary.

V. I. REMEDIOS, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1902. [3046]

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship.

"SUEVIA," Captain Borck, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 15th inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight, apply to **HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,** Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1902. [3040]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"THALES," Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 16th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.,** General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1902. [3044]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAICHING," Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, the 18th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

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Hongkong, 15th November, 1902. [3045]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS will be ready on Monday, and will contain—

Leading Articles.

Pixies in the Canton Neighbourhood.

Germany and the Yangtze Question.

The Evacuation of Shanghai.

Blake Pier and the Clock Tower.

The Illegal Opium Farm.

Tongyueh as a Trade Centre.

The King's Birthday.

Hongkong Sanitary Board.

The A.D.C.'s Performance of Liberty Hall.

Murderous Attack on an European on the West River.

Public Health and Buildings Bill: Land-owners' Petition.

Sir W. M. Goodman's Knighthood.

Enquiry into Collapses of Houses.

The Chengchow Murders.

Canton.

Amoy.

Swatow.

Northern Notes.

Union Mining Co.

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Supreme Court.

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"SUEVIA," Captain Borck, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON TO-DAY, 14th inst.

Any Cargo impeding the discharge of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1902. [3041]

FACT STRANGER THAN FICTION!

STRANGE STORIES

(TRUE) OF

MANY PEOPLES

The second story appears to-day in these columns.

The programme of the series of striking subjects is as follows:—

RUSSIA.

"DARK DEEDS IN THE TSAR'S DOMINIONS," by FRED WHISHAW (Author of "A Boyar of the Terrible," etc., and a resident for many years in Russia).

CHINA.

"LOVE AND COURTSHIP AMONG THE CELESTIALS," by "JA JIN BIT" (Miss COWLING, for long a Chinese resident).

NORWAY.

"MAKING A LIVING IN NORWAY," by Sir H. E. MAXWELL, Bart., M.P. (Author of "Meridians," "The House of Douglas," &c.).

MOROCCO.

"THE SORROWS OF A SULTAN'S SUBJECT," by A. J. DAWSON (Author of "Bismillah," &c.).

AUSTRALIA.

"STRANGE STORIES OF THE AUSTRALIAN BUSH," by Mrs. CAMERON PHAED (Author of "My Australian Girlhood," &c.).

FRANCE.

"STRANGE STORIES FROM THE FRENCH COUNTRY," by R. H. SHERARD (Author of "The Iron Cross," &c.).

Hongkong, 15th November, 1902. [2971]

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members held on 13th inst.; it was resolved to increase the Rates for all Risks Rateable under the Tariff by 25 per cent. for one year from this date.

W. HUTTON POTTS, Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1902. [3033]

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Hongkong, 1st November, 1902. [2990]

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Hongkong, 3rd October, 1902. [64]

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TELEPHONE, 232.

Hongkong, 21st June 1901. [1217]

ENTERTAINMENTS

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!

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will give a Performance of

"LIBERTY HALL"

TO-DAY (SATURDAY), 15th NOV.

Commencing at 9 precisely.

Dress Circle... 33.00

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Stalls... 2.00

No Pit and no Half-price.

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Late trains will run a quarter of an hour after the fall of the curtain.

Hongkong, 27th October, 1902. [2853]

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